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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUAYAQUIL 860

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SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT, GUAYAQUIL

REF: GUAYAQUIL 853 (NOTAL)

1. GUAYAQUIL STILL ALERT AND CURFEW ON BUT SITUATION MUCH MORE TRANQUIL. CONSULATE GENERAL AND BINATIONAL CENTER OPEN TODAY (WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST). SEVERAL FLASH DEMONSTRATIONS YESTERDAY BUT WITH MANY REINGLEADERS EXILED TO ORIENTE ACTIVITY WAS WITHOUT SPARK.

2. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED WERE EX-MAYOR AND LIBERAL LEADER, FRANCISCO HUERTA MONTALVO, AND LIBERAL ECONOMIST, DIRECTOR OF THE RADICAL ALFARISTA FRONT, ABDON CALDERON MUNOZ, BOTH LEADERS IN THE DEMOCRATIC RESTORATION FRONT. GOVERNOR TOLD ME HUERTA WAS
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ARRESTED FOR SEDITIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BUT HE PERSONALLY

SUSPECTED HE WAS ALSO BEHIND AND ORGANIZING STUDENT AGITATORS. HUERTA IS IN ORIENTE WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE EXILED IN DISPERSED MILITARY OUTPOSTS. PRESS REPORTS GOVERNOR DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF CALDERON'S ARREST OR WHO ORDERED IT, LEAVING IMPLICATION WAS BY DIRECT ORDER MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT. REASON GIVEN IN QUITO DATE-LINE IN PRESS WAS "CALUMNIOUS AND DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS" AGAINST GOVERNMENT WHEN CALDERON ACCUSED CENTRAL BANK OF SELLING RESERVE GOLD WITH GREAT DAMAGE TO ECONOMY OF COUNTRY. HE WAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN TO QUITO YESTERDAY (TUESDAY, 14 AUGUST) IN AIR FORCE PLANE.

3. SCHOOLS STILL CLOSED ON GOVERNMENT ORDER AND TEACHERS ARE ON STRIKE.

4. BODY OF PROFESSOR, ROSA PAREDES, EXHUMED LAST NIGHT FOR OFFICIAL AUTOPSY. CONCLUSION WAS THAT DEATH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A FALL BUT BY AN OBJECT STRIKING AT HIGH VELOCITY. GOVERNOR WAS PERSONALLY PRESENT. THIS ACTION PROVES TO PUBLIC GOVERNMENT DID NOT ATTEMPT TO HIDE TRUTH. GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE WOULD REMAIN THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO GET HURT MUST STAY OUT OF FIRING LINE. LUBENSKY

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